

## TELEPHONE RATE CASE HEARD

### A. Z. Patterson Represents Public Service Commission at Hearing.

A. Z. Patterson of the Missouri Public Service Commission represented that body and took the testimony at the hearing for the increase in telephone rates and the establishment of toll charges, asked by the Butler-Rich Hill Telephone Exchange.

The telephone company introduced testimony that they had complied with the requirements of the Public Service Commission specified at a former hearing and presented a statement showing that \$2,000,000 had been expended in improvements since the former hearing. It was also shown by the company that a system of supervision had been established in the office. Witnesses for the company admitted that the service at present was not as efficient as they desired to render but stated that such inefficiency as might exist was the result of insufficient help and inexperienced operators. It was testified that several of the more experienced operators had resigned to accept positions in the nearby cities at salaries impossible for this plant to pay. It was also stated that some of the force of operators were ill with influenza. Witnesses for the company admitted that material used for repairs and maintenance necessary in the general course of business might have been included in the detailed statement of expenditures submitted.

A large number of witnesses, nearly all business men, professional men, and farmers testified for the city, the testimony of all being to the effect that the service was poor and unsatisfactory generally. In a statement for the city Mayor DeArmond insisted that the patrons of the telephone system were willing to pay a reasonable rate for telephone service but were unwilling to pay increased rates for unsatisfactory service.

All the testimony submitted was made a part of the record and upon this testimony Mr. Patterson will base the report he will make to the Commission. Just how soon Mr. Patterson's report will be acted upon he was unable to say.

### On the Wing.

Geo. Porter and family chartered a car and loaded it with their stock. His family went on the passenger and he went on the freight with his belongings. They went from Amsterdam to the state of Iowa, a few days ago.

Jim A. Gregory moved in the house vacated by Mr. Porter. He was one of the boys who went to Camp Bowie, Texas, who was refused and sent back home.

P. Peterson made a business trip to Butler Monday.

Jno. Zinn, of Oklahoma, came in with three teams Sunday afternoon and is at his father's, Geo. Zinn, and is looking for a good farm to rent.

Grant Oldham is hauling rock for a foundation of a new barn.

M. G. Hedger, of 1 mile west of Virginia, has a nice span of suckling mules for sale.

Edgar Greenup came home Sunday on a furlough and Carl Welliver came Tuesday on a furlough.

Arthur Payn sawed wood for Geo. Ruble, 1 W. Park and S. S. Martin Tuesday. W. I. Smith is getting up a nice pile of wood for the buzz saw.

Charley Bolling, at Camp Funston, has his over sea uniform.

Clint Burns has moved in the McClure house on the Miami.

Geo. Lockridge has moved on the farm he bought of P. C. Burns, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Virginia.

Earl Raybourn has rented the Jim Crooks farm for next year.

M. C. Burns has just returned from South Dakota, where he has been looking for a location. He reports an 11-inch snow up there.

All of Monroe Gregory's family are sick except Mrs. Gregory.

Jno. Hedger, sr., is building a good big cow shed.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanfill and son, Free, and family, drove over in their new car and spent Sunday with T. J. Hockett, Esq.

D. B. Dirks has put up a fine granary and henry combined and says it has advanced the price of his farm \$5.00 per acre.

W. H. Durst has moved to Amsterdam. Jake Jundy has moved in the house vacated by Durst.

Mrs. W. H. Durst and children were in the neighborhood visiting Tuesday.

Will Jones came up from Oklahoma and sowed 40 acres of wheat on the farm he bought of J. D. Haden and has gone back after his family. He gets the house January 1st.

J. W. Fritts has a 40 acre farm for sale with light improvements.

The food administrator of Clinton wants the bushels of grain you have threshed. Please send it to me.

Jim Pahlman, of Kansas City is at the home of his father, G. C. Pahlman, of Amsterdam route 2, awaiting Uncle Sam's call.

Nelson M. H. Nestlerode is out of danger, according to a message received by his father from officials at Camp Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has been seriously ill for about three weeks.

The following are the figures contained in the report made to the Food Administrator at Clinton, Mo., by Jno. W. Fritts: Wheat, 29,722 bushels; oats, 218,151 bushels; flax, 723 bushels; rye, timothy, clover etc., not listed but threshed some of each.

### Collie Dog Lost.

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## Deaths at Rich Hill.

From the Rich Hill Review.  
Mrs. Allie Todd, 38 years old, died at the home on the east side Friday afternoon, October 25, 1918, of pneumonia. Surviving are the husband and five children. She was a daughter of James Lewis, south of town. Burial was made at Greenlawn cemetery at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dr. J. J. Martin conducting the services.

Alvey Hagan, 20 years old, died at noon Thursday, October 24, 1918, at the family home on East Olive street, after four weeks illness of typhoid fever. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hagan, well known residents of this city, and was a bright and promising boy, and his death is a source of sorrow to family and friends.

Mrs. E. B. Jerome, who has been visiting her brother, U. Ayers and family, left for her home in Milton, Vermont, Thursday morning. Mr. Ayers accompanied her as far as Kansas City.

Dr. W. J. Cox, 80 years old, veteran, and a pioneer citizen, died at the Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, Kas., Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 23, 1918. He was a veteran of the civil war and a member of the G. A. R. He had lived here and in Bates county for nearly 50 years and was well known. His wife died some fifteen years ago.

Stanford A. Wheelbarger, 27 years old, died at his home on East Walnut street at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, October 24, 1918, after an illness of ten days of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheelbarger, a well known family of this city, and was born and reared here. He was an industrious, courteous young man, attentive to business and had a large number of friends who deeply regret his death. The family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Lawrence H. Christman, 25 years old, died at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, 1918, at the home on West Pine street, of pneumonia and influenza. He was taken sick about ten days ago with influenza, but in a few days was feeling better, and being ambitious to return to his work at the C. W. Orris store, ventured out again, suffering a relapse which proved fatal. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christman, a well known family of this city, and was a most excellent young man with a wide circle of friends.

## Virginia.

We have been having quite a season of rainy weather recently; we trust that old King Winter is not yet ready to launch his paraphernalia upon us. The outlook for the wheat crop is fine.

The intensity of the influenza situation in our community has been somewhat relieved. Those who have been having it have recovered, and no new cases have been reported.

Doc Harper, who has been suffering with Spanish influenza at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, has about recovered. He left Ft. Leavenworth one day last week with his battalion for somewhere.

Mrs. Roy Cuzick, who has been having a painfully sore hand, is better. She was able to return home the latter part of the week, from a few weeks' stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albin, near Amoret, while having her hand treated.

News seems to be rather scarce this week. We suppose it is on account of the general quarantine for influenza.

The executive board of the W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. J. W. McFadden's home Thursday of last week. The union will meet Thursday of this week with Mrs. C. A. Lusk.

The schools which have been closed on account of the influenza epidemic have not yet been reopened, as it seems that the "flu" has not quite ceased to "epidemic."

Miss Ola Ayres was a guest of Miss Blanche Sedwell, of Amoret, last week.

Edward L. Greenup, who is stationed in the navy at Municipal Pier, Chicago, Illinois, came in Sunday morning to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greenup, and his sister, Margie.

## Fair Mount News.

We've been having quite a lot of rain the past week which pleased everybody.

There are several new cases of influenza around here. Schools and churches are still closed and everybody stays at home as much as possible so there isn't much news.

Mrs. C. M. Rapp and children spent last Friday with her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Vogt, Jr., and baby.

Most of the farmers were in Rockville Saturday to get apples from the car load which was shipped in there.

Miss Ella Bolte spent Sunday afternoon with her friend, Miss Hilda Rapp.

Joe Bracher and family entertained at dinner Sunday Lewis Fleischer and John Fischer and their families.

Nora Rapp is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marquardt, who are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Vogt, Jr., and baby and Johnnie Rapp took dinner Sunday with C. M. Rapp and family.

Mrs. Elmer Brown and son, Clinton, who spent a week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Seider, returned to their home in Kansas City Saturday.

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## JUDGES OF ELECTION

### County Court Selects Judges at Special Session

The County Court at a special session held Saturday selected the following judges of election. The first three names given for each precinct are Democrats, the last three Republicans:

Mingo-Price Hudson; Otis Hart, Frank Hedges; G. M. Miller, W. E. Shelton, Charles Steward.

Grand River-W. H. H. Duke, S. P. Gragg, W. H. Dunn; Hugh Howe, Charles Buckles, W. O. Bates.

Deer Creek-Raney Stone, Ed Porter, J. N. Duke; Lon Mawson, Walter Blount, B. A. McRoberts.

East Boone-W. J. Hardiman, H. M. Roach, Ed Hunt; Ray V. Lacey, G. O. Hill, Horace Edwards.

West Boone-James Hayes, R. L. Anderson, David Ferguson; John Carr, John Dean, J. J. Lacey.

West Point-Joe Braden, A. W. Morwood, W. W. Russell; Dr. T. C. Robinson, A. Towers, W. M. McKibben.

Elkhart-Ben Coats, Frank Lankford, Wm. Kershner; W. H. Hart, George Ragan, Ed Bolling.

Mound (Passaic Precinct)-A. W. Moles, J. B. Rice, Thomas O'Dea; J. O. Brown, C. S. Conklin, Edson Snyder.

Mound (Adrian Precinct)-Oscar Reeder, Frank Dillon, Charles Jenkins; J. D. Parker, J. G. Ragan, Arthur Wright.

Shawnee-C. H. Moore, James Harrison, Lewis Martz; G. A. Gephord, V. A. Biggerstaff, Carl Decker.

Spruce (Ballard Precinct)-George Kersey, Gene Hooper, Robert Berkebile; W. P. Cowgill, Frank Patrick, B. F. Kinley.

Spruce (Johnstown Precinct)-Rex Speers, Ben Ireland, W. S. Hart; Frank Wolfe, Shirn Harbert, W. H. Betz.

Deepwater-Edson Fisher, Ben Baskerville, Del Vanhoy; J. E. Beard, Marsh Brown, Gus Hermann.

Summit-Vernie Rains, James Garrett, P. J. Conner; William Dewesse, W. H. Price, John Beard.

Mt. Pleasant (North)-T. K. Lisle, G. W. Smith, W. C. Berry; John S. Walker, Ed Wilcox, A. O. Yeomans.

Mt. Pleasant (South)-S. F. Warnock, J. M. Boltinghouse, J. M. Green; Frank Allen, Harry Deacon, Roy Wilcox.

Charlotte-C. J. Browning, Lee M. Hardinger, E. T. Burge; John Huffman, Ralph Hughes, Ernest Night-wine.

Homestead-Herman Mager, R. C. Brayton, W. H. Bohlken; H. C. Carpenter, Oscar Harris, J. W. Barton.

Walnut-(Foster Precinct)-Cady Colyer, P. L. Shelton, L. Staker; R. H. Jones, W. D. Clouse, J. S. Millsap.

Walnut (Worland Precinct)-George Badgett, Weaver Ellis, John Yee; G. C. Adams, T. J. Harris, T. Mullins.

New Home (South Precinct)-Robert McCulloch, Robert Barnett, D. C. Mize; James Vaughn, E. H. Batter-son, W. H. Frazee.

New Home (North Precinct)-W. C. Chandler, John T. Ehart, James M. Clark; M. S. Simpson, H. Pickett, Frank Miller.

Lone Oak-Boyd Williams, A. W. Shay, C. K. Harper; J. L. Ghire, C. W. Doane, Daniel Smith.

Pleasant Gap No. 1-Joe Knoll, I. W. Farson, Melchoir Fuchs; Chris Hegnauer, Fred Hammer, Mark Spain.

Pleasant Gap No. 2-Monroe Laskey, Harry Nafus, Wade Bridgeman; Charles Kinsner, Charles Kingsburger, Cliff Lane.

Hudson-L. S. Rains, Isaac Varnes, Charles Kinder; Chester Mock, Ed Gilbreath, L. V. Brown.

Rockville-W. J. Marriott, Frank Fix, Sam Fehimore; Patrick Shea, Seth Robinson, Harry Brown.

Prairie-W. C. Teays, Frank Kemper, Henry Hartman; E. H. Stephen-er, Ben Kienberger, William Rapps.

Osage (South)-Tom Craig, M. W. Ballfinch, Jos. McCullough; William Burns, J. D. Watson, Del Douglas.

Osage (North)-J. W. Jamison, J. R. McQuitty, Newman Gossann; Elmer Jones, I. A. Petty, Emmett McLaughlin.

Howard (Sprague)-J. R. Finch, E. Franklin, James Badgett; J. A. Dewep, Nite Conyer, Clyde Babbitt.

Howard (Hume)-H. N. Martin, J. O. Batts, A. Clifford; Frank Hancock, George Biggs, Samuel Wilson.

## KAISER OUSTED AS WAR CHIEF BY REICHSTAG

Adopts Bill Placing Military Command Under Control of Civil Government.

London, October 27.-The German Reichstag, by a great majority, has adopted a bill placing the military command under control of the civil government, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Austria Refuses Separate Peace.

Berne, Saturday, October 26.-Prof. Lammasch recently was asked to form an Austrian cabinet and accepted on condition that Austria-Hungary immediately make a separate peace with the allies.

Reports from Vienna say Emperor Charles declared such a thing was impossible, saying he had given his word of honor to the German emperor or never to make a separate peace.

Must Have Peace, Says Prayer.

Amsterdam, October 27.-In the course of a speech in the Reichstag on Thursday, the German vice-chancellor, Friedrich von Payer, said the enemy's belief and the fact that the German people were actually deprived of their rights were so oppressed and dependent small nations that it could not be a common danger for peace and justice.

Christianity, he declared, was the only basis for peace and justice, and the government should strive for a lasting peace which was long overdue.



The Battle Cry of Free 'Em

# Here's a Line that Holds in War Time

as in peace "the Munsingwear Line Holds" Attacked by the enemy—shortage of material—the Line never falters.

Munsingwear fights on—firm in its stand for freedom, comfort, fit, finish—economy and satisfaction in underwear.

You know when you ask for your Fall and Winter Munsingwear the makers have not sacrificed—even in view of the abnormal conditions—a single ideal that has made Munsingwear the dominating underwear of the nation. You must know that it's economy to buy Munsingwear. The fit lasts as long as the fabric. The same high quality prevails—its Durability, Washability, Popularity makes Munsingwear 100 per cent right.

It's your patriotic duty to get the best in underwear. When you buy underwear just say Munsingwear. You get a Union of Service and Quality, Right in Size, Style and Price. American efficiency, your efficiency to win the war demands the utmost in comfort, freedom, satisfaction, mentally and physically. Munsingwear is doing its share to increase your efficiency.

Get Under the Cover of Munsingwear, Be a Union-Suited American Forever.

OUR STOCK OF FALL AND WINTER MUNSINGWEAR IS WAITING FOR YOU. COME IN TODAY AND CHOOSE FROM THE VARIETY OF STYLES AND FABRICS. IT IS GENUINE GOODNESS ALL THE WAY THROUGH—BUTTONS, TOO.

**WALKER-McKIBBEN'S**  
THE QUALITY STORE

## NORFLEET & REAM GROCERY SOLD

E. M. Cole of Williamsburg, Kan., Buys the Big Store.

The grocery and hardware store so long conducted by Norfleet & Ream has been sold to E. M. Cole of Williamsburg, Kansas, who will in the future conduct the business.

No business enterprise in this part of the state has shown such phenomenal growth and wide popularity as this popular store. About seventeen years ago the members of this firm came to Butler and opened up a modest establishment on the west side of the square. By untiring energy, courteous treatment and fair prices they soon built up a reputation that extended far beyond the borders of the county and they were soon forced to move into larger quarters. A few years ago when the automobile industry was in its infancy, they were far sighted enough to realize its immense future possibilities. They purchased the old Radford livery barn on Ohio street and transformed it into an up-to-date garage and machine shop. This work was under the supervision of F. C. Ream and Carl Norfleet, leaving the immense grocery and hardware store largely in charge of the senior member of the firm, Mr. J. K. Norfleet. The large, together with the increasing years of Mr. Norfleet, made it a little too hard for him to handle and it was decided to retire from the grocery and hardware business and devote the entire attention of the firm to the Public Garage, which has grown to be one of the largest in this section.

Mr. Cole, the new owner, comes very highly recommended as a business man and a gentleman and there is no doubt but that he will maintain the well earned reputation of the old firm for fair dealing and just business methods. He will be a welcome addition to the business circles of Butler.

## A Correction.

In a recent issue of The Times it was stated that the remains of J. V. Sandgras were brought to this county from Estancia, New Mexico, and interred in the Radford cemetery in the east part of the county. Our informant was in error as to the cemetery as the remains were laid to rest beside his wife and other relatives in the old family cemetery, the Sandgras.

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## DEATHS.

### Doyle Hartshorn.

Died Oct. 16, in Seattle, Wash. The body was brought back to Foster and buried in Laughlin cemetery. He was called to go to the army the 18th. He is a nephew of Elmer Laughlin, a prominent citizen of Foster.

### Perley Chaney

The 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chaney of Long Oak township, died Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 24, of influenza. Was born in this county where practically all his life has been spent. Besides his parents he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Elmer Silvers, Rich Hill; Mrs. Tom Chandler, of near Butler, Mrs. Jess Knowles of Ft. Scott, Kan., and one brother, Forest. Funeral service was conducted Thursday at the Fair View cemetery.

### Charles Wilson

Age 43, died at his home on East Dakota St., Wednesday, Oct. 24, of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. He is a native of the state being born in St. Clair county in 1875. He was survived by his wife, one daughter, and three sons, (two of whom have since died). Funeral service was conducted Friday at 10 o'clock by H. O. Maxey at Oak Hill cemetery.

### John Wilson

The eighteen year old son of Mrs. Charles Wilson, died Sunday evening from influenza. Until the attack of influenza he was a driver for the merchant's delivery. He was very popular with the patrons of his route. Funeral was conducted by Rev. S. B. Moore at Oak Hill cemetery.

### Harley Wilson.

On Monday afternoon, for the third time in one week, death entered the home of Mrs. Charles Wilson, on East Dakota street and took her youngest son, Harley, aged thirteen. Funeral was conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. S. B. Moore